

Process Overview



State law requires an environmental analysis to identify potential environmental impacts of proposed discretionary projects, including a Community Standards District, or CSD.



State and County laws also have requirements for public hearings.

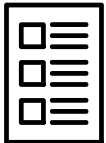
Environmental Review

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)



What is CEQA?

CEQA is a set of State laws that requires a project's potential environmental impacts be evaluated and available for public review.



What is an Initial Study?

An "Initial Study" is an official term for the document that describes the various potential environmental impacts that can occur from a project.

What does Less than Significant mean?

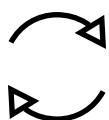


"Less than Significant" is an official term that means the Initial Study concluded that there's no proof that significant environmental impacts are going to result from the project.



How can the Altadena CSD Update project have less than significant impacts?

This project is a set of proposed zoning regulations, and no physical building or development will directly occur. The project does change how future development can occur, and some future uses, such as drive-throughs and bed and breakfasts, are required to have their own complete environmental review when proposed on specific properties. The CSD project analysis concluded the project will have a Less than Significant environmental impact.



Why doesn't the Initial Study change when the CSD changes?

Each time the CSD draft changes, the County evaluates whether the changes are different enough to need an updated Initial Study. An updated Initial Study is only needed when the draft changes could result in potential impacts that are more than what was already analyzed.



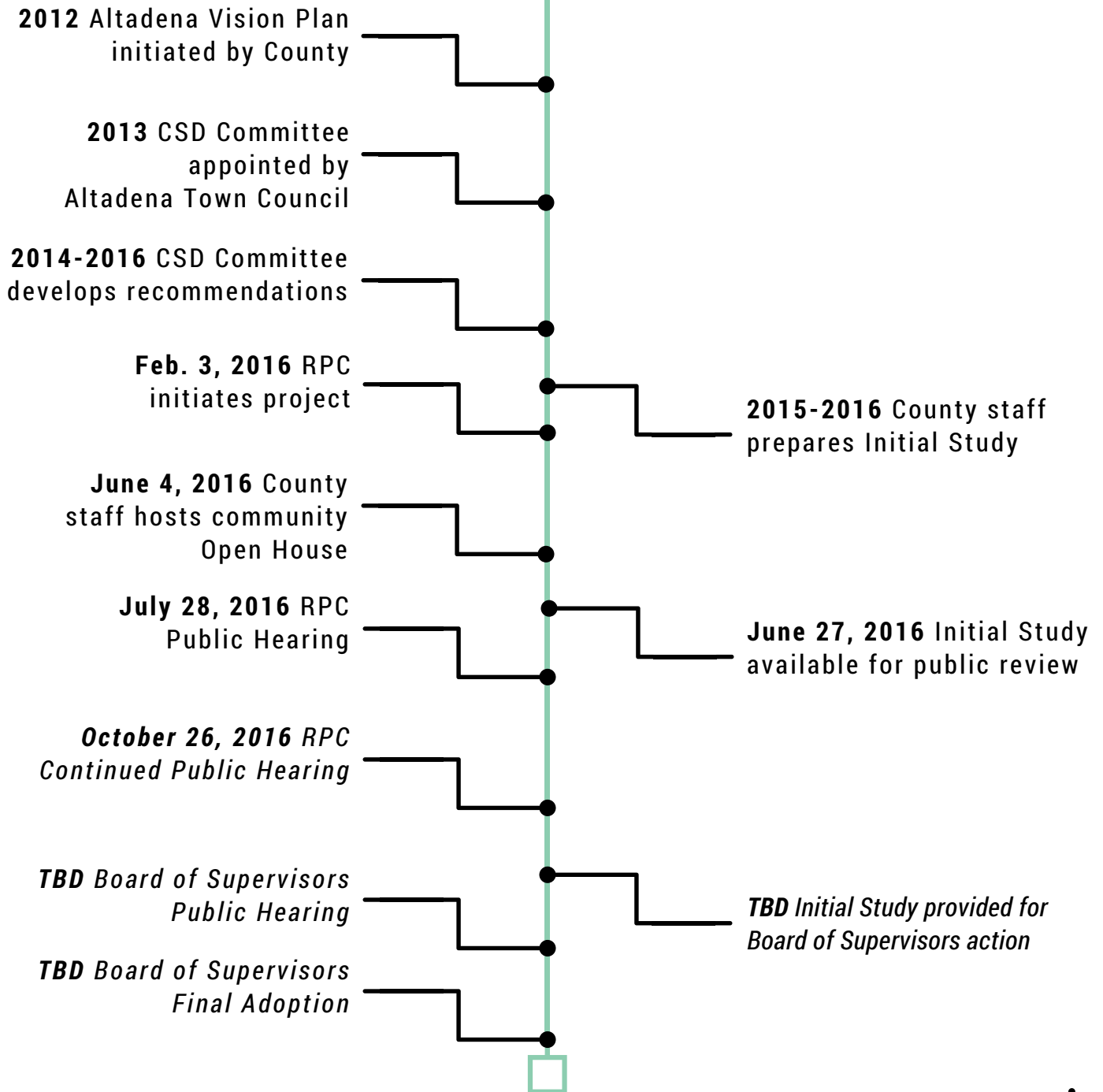


Timeline

CSD = Community Standards District
RPC = Regional Planning Commission

PROJECT TIMELINE

ENVIRONMENTAL TIMELINE



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